

PHIL 202: Ethics Core Course
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 Topic: Mill's Moral and Political Philosophy
 Syllabus

The topics and readings are listed in the order in which they will be covered. The readings are either (A) required or (B) recommended. Especially recommended readings are indicated by an asterisk. If a required or especially recommended reading is not contained in the required texts and you are having difficulty getting access to it, let me know and I can put a copy on reserve in the Philosophy Department Library or make a short-term loan. In general, references to Mill's texts will be by natural divisions in the text such as chapter, section, and/or paragraph. In the case of both Utilitarianism and On Liberty references will be by chapter and paragraph number (this information is contained in Crisp's edition of Utilitarianism). I will regularly issue indications of where we are on the Syllabus. If you are uncertain, just ask me for clarification.

I. BACKGROUND: MILL AND HIS PHILOSOPHY

- (B) *Capaldi, John Stuart Mill: A Biography; Ryan The Philosophy of John Stuart Mill and J.S. Mill; *Skorupski, John Stuart Mill and "The Fortunes of Liberal Naturalism" in The Cambridge Companion to Mill, ed. Skorupski.

II. MILL'S UTILITARIANISM: GENERAL

- (A) Mill, Utilitarianism.
- (B) *Berger, Happiness, Justice, and Freedom, part I; Crisp, Mill on Utilitarianism; Mill's Utilitarianism: Critical Essays, ed. Lyons; Jacobson, "J.S. Mill and the Diversity of Utilitarianism"; Smart and Williams, Utilitarianism: For and Against; West, An Introduction to Mill's Utilitarian Ethics.

II.1 BENTHAMITE UTILITARIANISM

- (A) Bentham, An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation I and IV.
- (B) Bentham, Plan for Parliamentary Reform; Lyons, In the Interest of the Governed; *James Mill, An Essay on Government; Macaulay, "Mill's Essay on Government"; Sidgwick, The Methods of Ethics, 111, 124n.

II.2 HEDONISM AND THE HIGHER PLEASURES DOCTRINE

- (A) Mill, Utilitarianism, chs. ii and iv; "Remarks on Bentham's Philosophy" in The Classical Utilitarians.
- (B) *Mill, "Bentham," On Liberty, chs. i and iii, A System of Logic VI.ii.3-4, and note to James Mill, Analysis of the Phenomena of the Human Mind ii 217-18; *Bentham, The Rationale of Reward III.i in The Classical Utilitarians, ed. Troyer; Berger, Happiness, Justice, and Freedom, pp. 9-45; Bogen and Farrell, "Freedom and Happiness in Mill's Defence of Liberty"; Bradley, Ethical Studies 116-20; Brink, "Mill's Deliberative Utilitarianism"; Crisp, Mill on Utilitarianism, ch. 2; Green, Prolegomena to Ethics §§162-63; Moore, Principia Ethica, 71-72, 77-81; Sidgwick, The Methods of Ethics, 93n, 94, 121; West, An Introduction to Mill's Utilitarian Ethics, ch. 3.

II.3 PRINCIPLES, DUTY, JUSTICE, AND RIGHTS

- (A) Mill, Utilitarianism, chs. ii and v and A System of Logic VI.xii.1-6 in The Classical Utilitarians.
- (B) *Berger, Happiness, Justice, and Freedom, chs. 3-4; *Brink, “Review of Lyons”; Brown, “What is Mill’s Principle of Utility?” and “Mill’s Act-Utilitarianism”; Crisp, Mill on Utilitarianism, chs. 5 and 7; *Lyons, Rights, Welfare, and Mill’s Moral Theory, esp. chs. 2-3; *Urmson, “An Interpretation of the Moral Philosophy of J.S. Mill”; West, An Introduction to Mill’s Utilitarian Ethics, chs. 4 and 7.

II.4 THE PROOF AND SANCTIONS OF UTILITY

- (A) Mill, Utilitarianism, chs. i, iv and iii.
- (B) Berger, Happiness, Justice, and Freedom, ch. 2; Crisp, Mill on Utilitarianism, ch. 4; Millgram, “Mill’s Proof of the Principle of Utility”; Sayre-McCord, “Mill’s ‘Proof’ of the Principle of Utility: A More than Half-Hearted Defense”; West, An Introduction to Mill’s Utilitarian Ethics, chs. 5-6.

III. MILL’S LIBERALISM: GENERAL

- (A) Mill, On Liberty.
- (B) *Berger, Happiness, Justice, and Freedom, ch. 5; Brink, “Mill’s Deliberative Utilitarianism”; Crisp, Mill on Utilitarianism, ch. 8; Hart, “Between Utility and Rights”; *Jacobson, “Mill on Liberty, Speech, and a Free Society”; Kraut, “Politics, Neutrality, and the Good”; Lewis, “Mill and Millquetoast”; *Nicholson, “The Reception and Early Reputation of Mill’s Political Thought”; Rawls, Political Liberalism; Ryan, “Mill in a Liberal Landscape”; *James Fitzjames Stephen, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity; Ten, Mill on Liberty.

III.1 MILL’S LIBERAL PRINCIPLES: HARM PRINCIPLE, ANTI-MORALISM, AND ANTI-PATERNALISM

- (A) Mill, On Liberty i; iv 4, 12; v 20-23.
- (B) Arneson, “Mill versus Paternalism”; Dworkin, “Paternalism”; Jacobson, “Mill on Liberty, Speech, and a Free Society”; Lyons, “Liberty and Harm to Others”.

III.2 THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH

- (A) Mill, On Liberty ii-iii.
- (B) Brink, “Millian Principles, Freedom of Expression, and Hate Speech”; *Scanlon, “A Theory of Freedom of Expression”; Ten, On Liberty, ch. 8.

III.3 APPLICATIONS OF AND QUALIFICATIONS/EXCEPTIONS TO MILL’S LIBERAL PRINCIPLES

- (A) Mill, On Liberty i, iv-v.
- (B) Arneson, “Paternalism, Utility, and Fairness” and “Mill’s Doubts about Freedom under socialism”; *Devlin, The Enforcement of Morality; *Feinberg, The Moral Limits of the Criminal Law, esp. Harm to Others, Offense to Others, chs. 7-9, and Harmless Wrongdoing, chs. 28-30; *Hart, Law, Liberty, and Morality; Jacobson, “Mill on Liberty, Speech, and a Free Society”; Lyons, “Liberty and Harm to Others”; *Moore, Placing Blame, ch. 16; James Fitzjames Stephen, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity; Ten, Mill on Liberty, chs. 4-7 and “Democracy, Socialism, and the Working Classes”.

IV. MILL'S LIBERAL DEFENSE OF SEXUAL EQUALITY

- (A) Mill, The Subjection of Women.
- (B) *Annas, "Mill and the Subjection of Women"; Crisp, Mill on Utilitarianism, ch. 9; Okin, Women in Western Political Thought, ch. 9; *Shanley, "The Subjection of Women".